A MOTION RECOMMENDING THE SALMON HABITAT PLAN FOR THE GREEN/DUWAMISH AND CENTRAL PUGET SOUND WATERSHED TO THE WRIA 9 FORUM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, Puget Sound Chinook Salmon are an icon of the Pacific Northwest and were listed as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act in 1999, and

WHEREAS, the WRIA 9 citizen-stakeholder Steering Committee has devoted seven years to the review, study, and development of a Chinook Salmon Habitat Plan for the Green/Duwamish and Central Puget Sound Watershed, and

WHEREAS, a science based plan has been developed to assist Chinook on the road to recovery; and

WHEREAS, the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan balances economic development needs and salmon habitat restoration needs, and

WHEREAS, an extensive public involvement process and public review of the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan has occurred, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT MOVED by the WRIA 9 Steering Committee:

The WRIA 9 Steering Committee hereby recommends the WRIA 9 Salmon Habitat Plan to the WRIA 9 Forum of Local Governments for approval and adoption.

This motion has been approved by the WRIA 9 Steering Committee this 14th day of July, 2005.